

International Symposium on Urbanism, Spirituality & Well Being
Exploring the Past and Present | Envisioning the Future
June 6-9, 2013

Glastonbury Abbey, Hingham, MA & Harvard University Divinity School, Cambridge, MA

SCHEDULE

Thursday June 6 Glastonbury Abbey | Conference Center

11.00 – 1.30 Arrival and registration | Conference Center
ACS Book Display
12.00 Lunch | Stonecrest House
1.30 Welcome: Co:Chairs Nader Ardalan and Tom Barrie | Conference Center

Open Sessions

Research, practice or scholarship that addresses the issues related to architecture, urbanism, spirituality and well-being from a broad range of perspectives.

2.00 Paper Session 1, Moderator: Julio Bermudez

Eruv: A Transformation of An Urban Public Space to A Private Place for Spiritual Renewal
Anat Geva, Professor of Architecture, Texas A&M University

Transcending Boundaries: Geometry in Service of the Sacred
Patrick J. Quinn, Institute Professor Emeritus and former Dean
School of Architecture, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, NY

After Burnham: Our Lady's Plan of Chicago 2109
Philip Bess, Professor of Architecture and Director of Graduate Studies, The University of Notre Dame
School of Architecture, Notre Dame, IN

4.00 Paper Session 2, Moderator: Rebecca Krinke

Designing Ritual Space | Sustaining Community: The Search for a Common Language of Ritual Space in a Time of Uncertainty
William Tripp and Toni Lettiere, William Tripp Architect, Portland, OR

Reflections on the Value of Continuity (in Urban Experience)
Paul Tesar, Alumni Distinguished Professor, N C State University, Raleigh, NC, and Hyejung Chang,
Assistant Professor, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM

In Search of Spirituality in Urban Decay
Joongsub Kim, Associate Professor, Lawrence Technological University, Southfield, Michigan

6.00 Social Hour + Dinner | Stonecrest House
7.30 Conference Center | Keynote Address: Harvey Cox,
Hollis Research Professor of Divinity, Harvard Divinity School
Introduction: Father Timothy Joyce
The Monastery, The City, and the Human Future
Reception

6.00 Meditation
7.00 Breakfast | Stonecrest House

Urbanism of the Past

Scholarship on the history of architecture and the built environment planned according to spiritual motivations or principles.

8.30 Paper Session 3, Moderator: Phillip Tabb

Scholar- Official Culture and the Traditions of Urban Development in China
Ming Hu, Rockville, MD

Liberty, fear and the city of sensations: Sir William Chambers' Dissertation on Oriental Gardening and Burke's sublime-effect
Dr. Yue Zhuang, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, University of Zurich

Culture, spirituality and public realm– what can we learn from the past?
Upendra Sapkota, Kearny, NJ

10.00 Paper Session 4, Moderator: Anat Geva

Urban Order as a Means of Paradisiacal Order; Eden, Jerusalem and London
Steve Padget, Assoc. Prof., School of Architecture, The University of Kansas

Spiritual Infrastructure: The Stepwells of Ragistan and Gujurat as Urban Centers of Spiritual and Communal Life
Wendy Redfield, Associate Professor, School of Architecture, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA

The Plan of Chicago as a Map of Heaven: Daniel Burnham's Swedenborgianism
Dr. Kristen Schaffer, Associate Professor, School of Architecture, NC State University

11.30 Lunch | Stonecrest House

Present Urbanism

Research, practice, and scholarship on contemporary thinking concerning the relationship of spiritual motivations and the built environment, including architecture, landscape architecture, urban design, market capitalism, multiculturalism, sustainability and social equity.

12.30 Paper Session 5, Moderator: Roberto Chiotti

Contemporary Sufi-Inspired Urban Design in Toubia, Senegal
Eric Ross, Associate Professor, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Al Akhawayn University, Morocco

Northern City: Spirituality of Indigenous Peoples in the Built Environment
Lena Sidorova, North-East Federal University, Yakutsk City, Russia

Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral: Urbanism, Phenomenology and the Sacred
Michael Madden, Toronto, Canada

God in the City or, Manna About Town
Dr. Michael J. Crosbie, FAIA, Editor-in-Chief, Faith & Form

2.30 Paper Session 6, Moderator: Dennis Winters

Locating the Sacred in Dutch Vinex-areas

Inez Schippers, PhD-researcher Religion & Ritual, Tilburg University, Holland

New Sacred Geographies: Between Autonomy and Total Immersion

Dr. Antonio Petrov, Assistant Professor, University of Texas San Antonio

Siting, Spirituality, and Sustainability – New Possibilities?

Dr Justin Lawson, Associate Lecturer, School of Health and Social Development
Deakin University, Australia

Growing Home: Sacred Space and Contemporary Ecotopia

Andrew G. Gingerich, Andrew Gingerich Design+Analytics, Albuquerque, NM

Future Urbanism

Research and scholarship on the future of urban life, with particular emphasis on the fundamental needs and practices of placemaking and the creation of meaningful, sustainable, and spiritually inspiring urban environments and architecture.

4.30 Paper Session 7, Moderator: Michael Crosbie

Reinventing Cities as Sacred Landscape: the Case for an Eco-centric View of Infrastructure Renewal

Dennis Winters, Landscape Architect and Roberto Chiotti, Architect, Toronto, Canada

Slow Urbanism

Prem Chandavarkar, CnT Architects, Bangalore, India

Spiritual Centers and Edges of the City

A. B. Snyder, Associate Professor & Director, Interior Architecture, Department of Architecture, University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon

Utopianism Reconceived: Multicultural Communities Engaging through an Inclusive Futurology

Maged Senbel, Assistant Professor of Urban Design, School of Community and Regional Planning, University of British Columbia

7.00 Dinner | Stonecrest House

Saturday June 8 Harvard Divinity School | Sperry Room

Future Prospects

Scholarship and plenary discussions regarding future prospects for cities – the creation of meaningful, sustainable and spiritual environments that provide a quality of life and well-being for its inhabitants, and are in harmony with their natural contexts.

6.00 Breakfast | Stonecrest House

7.00 Vans depart for Cambridge

8.30 Registration | Sperry Room

9.00 Welcome & Opening Remarks: Ahmed Ragab, Watson Assistant Professor of Science and Religion, Harvard Divinity School

Introductory remarks and summary of previous USW sessions: Jack Spengler, Professor of Environmental Health and Human Habitation, Harvard School of Public Health

9.30 Allan Logan, ND, *Nature as a Promoter of Well-Being in Future Cities*

10.00 Julio Bermudez, Ph.D., Associate Professor, The Catholic University of America, *Spiritualizing' Modernity and the City: The Future of Urbanism, Wellbeing and Spirituality*

10.30 Timothy Beatley, Teresa Heinz Professor of Sustainable Communities, University of Virginia, *Nature in Cities: The Promise of Biophilic Urbanism*

11.00	Panel Discussion -- Moderator: Jack Spengler
12.00	Lunch, Harvard Divinity School
1.30	Introductory Remarks, Moderator: Ahmed Ragab
1.45	Nimi Wariboko, Katherine B. Stuart Professor of Christian Ethics, Andover Newton Theological School
2.15	Thomas Barrie, Professor of Architecture, NC State University, <i>City House – House City, the Timeless, the Timely and the Future City</i>
2.45	Nader Ardalan, Senior Research Associate, Harvard University Graduate School of Design, <i>Inspirations from a Long, Lost Letter</i>
3.15	Panel Discussion – Moderator Ahmad Ragab
4.15	Closing Remarks: Harvey Cox
5.00	Reception for all symposium participants at Harvard Divinity School
6.00	Conclusion of Symposium
	Vans depart for abbey
7.30	Dinner Stonecrest House

Sunday June 9 Glastonbury Abbey | Stonecrest House

6.00	Meditation
7.00	Breakfast Stonecrest House
8.30	ACS Business Meeting
10.00	Concluding Discussion
12.00	Lunch Stonecrest House
	Departures